

**To:** Portillos, Christine[Portillos.Christine@epa.gov]  
**From:** Johnson, Jennifer S.  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 4:45:19 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

We are preparing our own pay cap waivers.

Jennifer Johnson

Regional Emergency Operations Center

Finance Support Section Chief

206-553-8037

**From:** Portillos, Christine  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 9:43 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Jennifer S.  
**Subject:** RE: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

Please see Ben's last sentence below.

**Do you want R8 to submit Ed's name as part of our pay cap wavier letter? If so our HRO will reach out to yours to coordinate since DRA approval is needed.**

Christine Portillos

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**From:** Johnson, Jennifer S.  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 10:40 AM  
**To:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Cc:** Portillos, Christine; Chavez, Luke; Harmon, Russell  
**Subject:** RE: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

Thanks Ben, at this time we are following the guidance and funding what we can using R10 funds. Also, we are preparing our own pay cap waivers.

Jennifer Johnson

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**From:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 8:21 AM  
**To:** Johnson, Jennifer S.  
**Cc:** Portillos, Christine; Chavez, Luke; Harmon, Russell  
**Subject:** RE: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

Hi Jennifer,

We received instructions from OSWER and OCFO yesterday that Regions should pay for their own travel associated with this response, unless they are unable to do so, and then the requesting region would pay. Regarding payroll, the guidance is that the home Region pays the base costs

and the requesting region will pay OT. Its seems like a departure from the way we've done this in the past, but OSWER and OCFO we're direct with their guidance.

So...if you need R8 to pay, below is the accounting info to use. Give me a call or please contact Christine Portillos (CC'd) the FSC in Durango. I've also copied Luke Chavez the Resource Unit Leader. Do you want R8 to submit Ed's name as part of our pay cap wavier letter? If so our HRO will reach out to yours to coordinate since DRA approval is needed.

**PPL: 2015 T 08L 303DC6 A8K9RV00**

**Travel:**

**ORG: EPAR08EPR**

**LABEL: 15 R8 EPR Cross Funding 1**

Thanks for your support!

Ben

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Ben Bielenberg

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**From:** Johnson, Jennifer S.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 9:14 AM  
**To:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

Hi Ben,

R10 is deploying Ed Moreen to Durango to assist R8 tomorrow, do you have funding available for this deployment?

Jennifer Johnson

Budget Analyst, Emergency Management Program, R10

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**From:** Harmon, Russell  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:22 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Jennifer S.; Layne-Jones, Korina; Nguyen, Khanh X.  
**Subject:** Fwd: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

FYI Joe Poetter works or Ben and I think he is probably the better contact.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dalrymple, Anne" <[Dalrymple.Anne@epa.gov](mailto:Dalrymple.Anne@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 13, 2015 at 3:19:50 PM PDT  
**To:** "Harmon, Russell" <[Harmon.Russell@epa.gov](mailto:Harmon.Russell@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Chu, Ed" <[Chu.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov)>, "Hamlin, Tim" <[Hamlin.Tim@epa.gov](mailto:Hamlin.Tim@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

**From:** Buhl, Rick  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:09 PM  
**To:** ARA  
**Cc:** Deputy ARAs; Bielenberg, Ben  
**Subject:** Regional Support to Gold King Mine Spill

Colleagues,

It has come to my attention that some of you are deploying resources to Region 8 at the request of headquarters to support the spill response effort. I believe our comptrollers have already spoken regarding this situation, but I wanted to reach out to you and let you know that if you have a deployment please have your comptroller contact Ben Bielenberg (R8 comptroller) to work out the time and travel details.

Thanks.

Rick

Rick Buhl

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